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14	IN THE UNITED STATE	ES BANKRUPTCY COURT
15	FOR THE DISTR	RICT OF ARIZONA
16	In re:	
17	SOUTHWEST CHARTER LINES, INC., an Arizona corporation,	Case No. 2:08-06252-RJH
18	Debtor.	Chapter 7
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20	ADIZONA DANIK AND EDITOR	Advancemy No. 2.10 on 697
21	ARIZONA BANK AND TRUST, an Arizona corporation; DALE D.	Adversary No. 2-10-ap-687
22	ULRICH, Chapter 7 Trustee, Plaintiffs,	COMPLAINT FOR ALTER EGO,
23	V.	SUCCESSOR LIABILITY, TURNOVER, TO AVOID AND
24 25	SOUTHWEST CHARTER LINES,	RECOVER FRAUDULENT TRANSFERS AND FRAUDULENT
25 26	INC., an Arizona corporation; SOUTHWEST EQUIPMENT	CONVEYANCES, TO AVOID POST PETITION TRANSFERS OF ASSETS
27	SOLUTIONS, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company; GOLDEN EQUIPMENT CORP, an Arizona	OF THE BANKRUPTCY ESTATE AND CONVERSION

1 2 3	corporation; MARK PIKE; DAVID PIKE; WILBUR DAVIS; and WILBUR DAVIS dba WILBUR SPORTSWEAR, an Arizona sole proprietorship, Defendants.	AND APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C §105 AND	
5		F.R.B.P. RULE 7065	
67	Plaintiffs, Dale D. Ulrich, the duly-appointed Chapter 7 Trustee, and Arizona Bank & Trust, a creditor in the above-captioned bankruptcy case, (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), for their Complaint		
8 9	alleges as follows:	Cal . A .at .	
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17		de by the above-captioned Debtor to Southwest ment"), Golden Equipment Corp. ("Golden is ("Davis") and Wilbur Sportswear; seeking to gfully transferred to and through the Defendants; rder and preliminary injunction to prohibit the	
19 20	Jurisdicti	on and Venue	
21 22 23	1334(b).	referred to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §	
24 25	157(a). 4. This adversary proceeding is a 157(b)(2)(A)(E) and (H).	core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§	
26 27	5. Venue of this adversary proceeding 1409(a).	is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §	

1		The Parties
2	6.	Dale D. Ulrich at all times mentioned herein, has been the duly-appointed Chapter 7
3	Trustee ("Trustee") in the Chapter 7 bankruptcy case.	
4	7.	Arizona Bank & Trust ("AZBT") at all times mentioned herein has been a
5	community l	bank and an Arizona corporation with its principal place of business in Maricopa County,
6	Arizona.	
7	8.	Defendant Southwest Charter Lines, Inc., Debtor herein ("Southwest Charter"), is an
8	Arizona corporation with its principal place of business in Maricopa County, Arizona.	
9	9.	Defendant Southwest Equipment Solutions, LLC, ("Southwest Equipment") is an
10	Arizona limited liability company with its principal place of business in Maricopa County, Arizona.	
11	10.	Defendant Golden Equipment Corp, ("Golden Equipment") is an Arizona corporation
12	with its principal place of business in Maricopa County, Arizona.	
13	11.	Defendant Wilbur Sportswear is a sole proprietorship with its principal place of
14	business in Maricopa County, Arizona.	
15	12.	Upon information and belief, Defendant Mark Pike ("Mark Pike") is a resident of the
16	State of Arizona.	
17	13.	Upon information and belief, Defendant David Pike ("David Pike") is a resident of the
18	State of Ariz	ona.
19	14.	Upon information and belief, Defendant Wilbur Davis ("Davis") is a resident of the
20	State of Arizona.	
21	15.	Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment, Wilbur Sportswear, Pike, David Pike and
22	Davis are collectively referred to herein as the "Defendants."	
23		ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS
24		The Business Operations of Southwest Charter
25	16.	Southwest Charter was incorporated on May 7, 1986.
26	17.	Mark Pike is or was the President and CEO of Southwest Charter.
27	18.	David Pike is or was an employee of Southwest Charter (collectively with Mark Pike,

1	the "Pikes").	
2	19.	Southwest Charter is or was previously operating the following business lines:
3		A. Charter and school bus transportation;
4		B. Equipment rental;
5		C. Modular building rental;
6		D. Container rental;
7		E. Modular building construction; and
8		F. Modular building transportation.
9	20.	As of August 2009, Southwest Charter owned the following tangible assets:
10		A. Nine charter coaches;
11		B. Eleven school buses;
12		C. Forty-two trucks;
13		D. Fifteen trailers; and
14		E. Thirteen modular buildings.
15		AZBT's loans to Southwest Charter
16	21.	AZBT made a series of loans ("Loans") to Southwest Charter beginning in 2004.
17	22.	On or about August 16, 2005, Damark Investments, another company operated by the
18	Mark Pike and David Pike, entered into a Construction Loan Agreement ("Construction Loan") with	
19	AZBT.	
20	23.	On or about February 3, 2004, Mark Pike executed a Commercial Guaranty ("Pike
21	Guaranty"), whereby, among other things, he guaranteed the repayment of all of Southwest Charter's	
22	indebtedness	to AZBT.
23	24.	On or about August 16, 2005, Southwest Charter executed a Commercial Guaranty
24	("Southwest	Charter Guaranty"), whereby, among other things, Southwest Charter guaranteed the
25	repayment of all the indebtedness of Damark Investments (Mark Pike and	
26	Southwest Charter may collectively be referred to as the "Guarantors").	
27	25.	As of July 31, 2007, various defaults had occurred and were continuing to occur under

the Loans, including, but not limited to, the following (the "Identified Defaults"): (i) failure to provide AZBT with timely, accurate and complete financial information; (ii) failure to make timely and sufficient payments when they became due and owing under the Loans; (iii) defaults under loan, security, and/or purchase and sale agreements, in favor of other creditors, affecting the Borrowers' property, AZBT's collateral, and the Borrowers' ability to repay their obligations; (iv) material adverse changes in the Borrowers' financial conditions; and (v) AZBT, in good faith, deemed itself insecure.

26. The Borrowers defaulted on their respective obligations under the terms of the Loans and failed to satisfy their obligations under the Loans and subsequent Forbearance Agreement with AZBT.

Southwest Charter's Bankruptcy

- 27. On May 29, 2008 ("Petition Date"), Southwest Charter filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11, Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona, Case No. 2:08-bk-06252-RJH, which case converted to Chapter 7 on September 21, 2009.
- 28. Pursuant to 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code, Southwest Charter remained in operation of its business as a debtor-in-possession until conversion of the case to Chapter 7 on September 21, 2009 ("Conversion Date").
 - 29. As of the date of this Complaint, Southwest Charter's Chapter 7 case is still pending.

 The Business Operations of Southwest Equipment
- 30. The Arizona Corporation Commission authorized Southwest Equipment to begin conducting business on November 18, 2005.
 - 31. The Pikes are the only members of Southwest Equipment.
- 32. Except for charter and school bus transportation, Southwest Equipment has or had the same business lines as Southwest Charter.
 - 33. Southwest Equipment utilizes or utilized Southwest Charter's office space.
 - 34. Southwest Equipment does not or did not pay rent to Southwest Charter.

- 48. Upon information and belief, Southwest Charter began making the referenced transfers to Southwest Equipment only after it realized that it was insolvent and might file for bankruptcy.
- 49. The only business line that remained with Southwest Charter was charter and school bus transportation, which was not profitable.
- 50. Upon information and belief, Southwest Charter transferred not less than \$76,260 to Southwest Equipment prior to the commencement of the bankruptcy case.
- 51. Upon information and belief, the pre-petition and post petition transfer of assets by Southwest Charter to Southwest Equipment was a scheme or artifice to avoid remitting payment of outstanding obligations owed to Southwest Charter's creditors, including AZBT.

The Business Operations of Golden Equipment

- 52. The Arizona Corporation Commission authorized Golden Equipment to begin conducting business on August 21, 2009.
 - 53. Wilbur Davis is the sole shareholder of Golden Equipment.
 - 54. Mark Pike is a director and employee of Golden Equipment.
- 55. David Pike is an employee of Golden Equipment and his duties include bidding on government contracts.
- 56. Except for charter and school bus transportation, Golden Equipment has the same business lines as Southwest Charter.
 - 57. Golden Equipment has or had the same business lines as Southwest Equipment.
- 58. Golden Equipment employs or employed at least some of the employees who were previously employed by Southwest Charter, including Mark Pike, David Pike, Connie Frost, Wilbur Davis and Terry Lievens.
- 59. Golden Equipment utilizes or utilized some, if not all, of Southwest Charter's and/or Southwest Equipment's office furniture, fixtures, and equipment.
- 60. Golden Equipment does not or did not pay to use Southwest Charter's and/or Southwest Equipment's office furniture, fixtures, and equipment.
 - 61. Southwest Charter owns or owned at least some of the equipment and other assets,

C. For interest thereon at the highest rate allowable by law until paid in full; and

D. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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<u>COUNT TWO</u> (Turnover – 11 U.S.C. §§541 & 542)

- 88. Plaintiffs hereby repeat and reallege the allegations set forth in the foregoing paragraphs, and incorporate them as though fully set forth herein.
- 89. On May 29, 2008, Southwest Charter filed the Chapter 11 petition, which case converted to Chapter 7 on September 21, 2009.
- 90. Upon the commencement of the bankruptcy case, the business operations and all assets of Southwest Charter became property of the bankruptcy Estate pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §541.
- 91. Upon information and belief, the business operations and all assets of Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment and Wilbur Sportswear are assets of the bankruptcy Estate.
- 92. The assets of Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment and Wilbur Sportswear, and all revenue and profits from the business operations thereof, should be turned over to the Trustee as property of the Estate pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §542.
- 93. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§542 and 550, Trustee is entitled to an Order of this Court requiring Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment and Wilbur Sportswear to turnover control of all business operations, assets and revenue, to Trustee.
- 94. To the extent the assets and/or funds turned over to the Trustee are AZBT's collateral, those assets and/or funds will be held by the Trustee subject to AZBT's lien.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment, Mark Pike, David Pike, Wilbur Davis and Wilbur Sportswear as follows:

- A. For an Order declaring that the entities Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment and Wilbur Sportswear are the alter egos of Southwest Charter and that the entities' business operations are property of the bankruptcy Estate pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §541;
- B. For an Order directing that control of the business operations of Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment and Wilbur Sportswear be turned over to the Trustee as property of the Estate pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §542;
- C. For interest thereon at the highest rate allowable by law until paid in full; and

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1 2	<u>COUNT FOUR</u> (Fraudulent Transfers – 11 U.S.C. §§548(a)(1)(A) & 550)
3	102. Trustee hereby repeats and realleges the allegations set forth in the foregoing
4	paragraphs, and incorporate them as though fully set forth herein.
5	103. Upon information and belief, the above-referenced transfer of assets,
6	contracts and funds to Southwest Equipment occurred within two years prior to the petition date.
7	104. Upon information and belief, the transfer of assets, contracts and funds to
8	Southwest Equipment was done with the actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud Southwest Charter's
9	creditors.
10	105. Said transfers are avoidable by the Trustee pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §548 and
11	Trustee may pursue the value of the assets transferred from Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment
12	and Wilbur Sportswear pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §550.
13	106. To the extent the assets and/or funds recovered by the Trustee are AZBT's
14	collateral, those assets and/or funds will be held by the Trustee subject to AZBT's lien.
15	WHEREFORE, Trustee prays for judgment against Southwest Equipment, Golden
16	Equipment, Mark Pike, David Pike, Wilbur Davis and Wilbur Sportswear as follows:
17	A. For an Order avoiding the transfers of assets of Southwest Charter to Southwest
18	Equipment, Golden Equipment and Wilbur Sportswear pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §548;
19	B. For an Order declaring that the Trustee may recover the funds and the value of the assets
20	of Southwest Charter transferred directly from Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment
21	and Wilbur Sportswear pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §550;
22	C. For interest thereon at the highest rate allowable by law until paid in full; and
23	D. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.
24	COUNT FIVE
25	(Fraudulent Transfers – 11 U.S.C. §§548(a)(1)(B) & 550)
26 27	107. Trustee hereby repeats and realleges the allegations set forth in the foregoing
۱ /	paragraphs, and incorporate them as though fully set forth herein.

- B. For an Order declaring that the Trustee may recover the funds and the value of the assets of Southwest Charter transferred directly from Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment and Wilbur Sportswear pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §550;
- C. For interest thereon at the highest rate allowable by law until paid in full; and
- D. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

<u>COUNT SEVEN</u> (Avoidance of Post Petition Transfers – 11 U.S.C. §549 & §550)

- 123. Trustee hereby repeats and realleges the allegations set forth in the foregoing paragraphs, and incorporate them as though fully set forth herein.
- 124. After the Petition Date, Southwest Charter and/or Southwest Equipment transferred funds, assets and contracts to Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment and/or Wilbur Sportswear.
- 125. At no time prior to transferring funds, assets and contracts did Southwest Charter and/or Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment or Wilbur Sportswear request or obtain authority from the Court to transfer the funds, assets and contracts.
- 126. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant, the funds, assets and contracts transferred to Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment and Wilbur Sportswear, and each of them, are property of this Estate.
- 127. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §549(a)(1), the Trustee may avoid a transfer of property of the Estate that occurs after the commencement of the case and that is not authorized by the Bankruptcy Court.
- 128. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §550(a)(1), upon avoidance of the transfer, the Trustee may recover from Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment and Wilbur Sportswear, and each of them, for the benefit of the bankruptcy Estate, the actual amount of funds transferred and the value of the assets transferred by Southwest Charter.
 - 129. To the extent the assets and/or funds recovered by the Trustee are AZBT's

collateral, those assets and/or funds will be held by the Trustee subject to AZBT's lien.

Equipment, Mark Pike, David Pike, Wilbur Davis and Wilbur Sportswear as follows:

WHEREFORE, Trustee prays for judgment against Southwest Equipment, Golden

A. For an Order avoiding the transfers of assets of Southwest Charter to Southwest

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operating under the Estate's contracts and have continued using and benefitting from assets of the Estate.

- 143. AZBT has a security interest in some of the assets and funds transferred pursuant to the Loans.
- 144. Plaintiffs are entitled to a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §105 and F.R.B.P. Rule 7065, to prevent Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment and Wilbur Sportswear from using, benefitting from, dissipating and/or transferring assets of the Estate and/or of AZBT and to place the business operations of the Debtor and its unlawful successors in the hands of the Trustee.
- 145. Plaintiffs' Application for a Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction ("Application") is supported by a contemporaneously filed Memorandum in Support of the Application ("Memorandum") as well as an Affidavit and testimony attached as exhibits to the Memorandum.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment, Mark Pike, David Pike, Wilbur Davis and Wilbur Sportswear as follows:

- A. For an Order restraining Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment, Mark Pike, Wilbur Davis and Wilbur Sportswear from causing further waste, theft and vandalism of property of the Estate and assets and/or from removing, secreting or otherwise disposing of the property and assets to the injury of the bankruptcy Estate and AZBT, pending hearing on the request for preliminary injunction;
- B. For an Order for a preliminary injunction mandating turnover of the business operations of Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment and Wilbur Sportswear to the Trustee;
- C. For an Order directing that Southwest Equipment, Golden Equipment, Mark Pike, Wilbur Davis and Davis Sportswear and its respective officers, directors, agents, representatives, shareholders, and employees, and all other persons with actual or constructive knowledge of said Order and their agents and employees, except AZBT, shall take such actions and turn over documents to the Trustee in accordance with the provisions set forth hereinabove and incorporated by reference herein;

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1	D. For Plaintiffs' fees and costs incurred herein;
2	E. For interest thereon at the highest rate allowable by law until paid in full; and
3	F. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.
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5	DATED this 14th day of April, 2010.
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EXHIBIT 1

VERIFICATION

I, Dale D. Ulrich, hereby declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

That I am the duly appointed Trustee in this Chapter 7 bankruptcy case, which was commenced on May 29, 2008 when Debtor filed a Chapter 11 petition and which case converted to Chapter 7 on September 21, 2009. I am a Plaintiff in this lawsuit and I have the authority to make this Verification on behalf of the bankruptcy Estate; that I have read the Complaint for Alter Ego, Successor Liability, Turnover, to Avoid and Recover Fraudulent Transfers and Fraudulent Conveyances, to Avoid Post Petition Transfers of Assets of the Bankruptcy Estate and Conversion and Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §105 and F.R.B.P. Rule 7065 in the matter and know the contents thereof; and that the same are true to the best of my own personal knowledge, except as to those statements made therein upon information and belief, and as to those, I believe them to be true.

DATED this $\cancel{14}$ day of April, 2010.

Dale D. Ulrich

I While